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Tyrosine Regulates The Body Weight Of
Animals Through Regulating The
Animal Appetite Or Food Intake**

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

This is Applicants' Reply and Amendment in response to the non-final office action mailed January 6, 2009. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

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